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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gary Gastineau *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/815,589

Filed: March 23, 2001

For: **HEDGING TRADING OF MUTUAL
FUNDS OR OTHER PORTFOLIO
BASKET PRODUCTS**

Examiner: Charles, Debra F.

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Date: **April 12, 2006**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendments

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **March 24, 2006**, Applicants hereby respond to the nonstatutory double patenting rejection by submitting a terminal disclaimer.

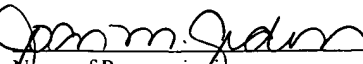
Applicants respectfully request that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted on March 24, 2006, be entered and the documents considered by the Examiner be made of record.

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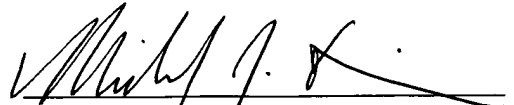
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. **08-3038** for the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) in the amount of \$130.00. Kindly make reference to Howrey Docket No. **00322.0007.CNUS01** when debiting this account.

Respectfully submitted,

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